

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the first Office Action for the above-noted file, and herein amends the Application. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended pending Claims 1 and 14 to overcome the Examiners objections to these claims set forth in paragraph one of the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that such amendments made to the claims to overcome 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections and are not being made for reasons of distinguishing the respective claims over the prior art of record. Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of the objection to Claims 1 and 14.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable based on Mayer (U.S. Patent No. 6,305,556) in view of Hagan (U.S. Patent No. 5,152,443) and Champion et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,327,139). Applicant submits for the Examiner's consideration that the cited prior art shows a cable management arm in the first reference, a plastic tool belt in the second reference, and a cable management arm having a flexible member and retention tabs formed in a separate member from the flexible member in the third reference. The cited prior art does not teach or disclose the structure set forth in Independent Claims 1 and 14, that of a cable management arm formed of a single member having hinges defined by oppositely disposed grooves which are spaced apart to define adjacent linkages which are pivotally connected together by the hinges, and with the single member further including cable retention tabs which are integrally formed with the single member. Further, the cited prior art does not disclose the particular structure set forth above, provided as a single member of molded plastic as set forth in Claim 14. Additionally, the cited prior art does not teach or provide the motivation to combine the cable management arm of Mayer with the tool belt of Hagan, nor the flexible member of Champion et al. to provide the structure of Claims 1 and 14. Claims 2-13 and Claims 15-22 depend from respective ones of Claims 1 and 14, and incorporate the respective limitations thereof. Applicant submits that the forgoing features are not obvious over the prior art of record, and requests withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-22.

Applicant respectfully traversed rejection of Claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable based on Lopez (U.S. Patent No. 6,021,047) in view of Hagan (U.S. Patent No.


5,152,443) and Landrum et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,353,532). Lopez and Landrum et al. disclose equipment racks for computers, and Hagan discloses a plastic tool belt. However, as set forth above, the cited prior art of record does not disclose, teach or motivate to combine the cited references to provide the structure of a cable management arm formed of a single member of molded plastic having the oppositely disposed grooves formed into opposite sides and the retention tabs set forth in Claim 23. Also, the cited prior art does not teach or disclose the structure of the single member of molded plastic of Claim 23, or provide motivation to combine the cited references to obviate Claim 23. Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 23, and withdrawal of the objections to Claims 24-26 for depending from Claim 23.

Applicant requests a telephone interview with the Examiner should the Examiner not find the present application in condition for allowance.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims as amended. The U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502112/CISC-25,675 for the firm CHAUZA & HANDLEY, L.L.P.

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